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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Public Safety Committee
Meeting of February 25, 2004**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman Chester Stribling called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Ray Graham, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable Jonathan S. Lynn, Attorney for the Commonwealth
- Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox
- Mr. G. Robert Lee, County Administrator
- Mr. Paul McCulla, County Attorney
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Acting Assistant County Administrator
- Lt. Colonel Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- First Sergeant James Murphy, Virginia State Police
- Mr. Charles Shepherd, Virginia Department of Health
- Mr. Justin Clayton, Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Ronnie Sheetz, General Services Operations Department
- Mr. Bill Dugan, Communications Department
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Doug Taylor, Fire and Rescue Association
- Ms. Sue Powles, Director, Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Communications
- Mr. Garrett Moore, VDOT
- Ms. Janice Bourne, Director, Finance Department
- Ms. Lori Heritg, Director, GIS
- Mr. A. Bagdohovic, FTD
- Ms. Deborah Berry, Boy Scouts, Troop 161
- Mr. Tim Berry, Boy Scouts, Troop Leader 161
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee

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3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Stribling called for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the November 13, 2003 meeting. Seconded: Mr. Graham. Adopted.

4. GIS E911 Position

Ms. Lori Hertig, GIS Director, requested funding for a full-time technician position to enter new addresses in the E-911 System. It has been determined that a potential public safety liability exists if addresses are not entered in a timely fashion, due to staff limitations. This position had previously been approved by both the Personnel and Finance Committees. Mr. Graham recommended approval by the Committee. Mr. Stribling concurred.

5. Trespassing Ordinance

County Attorney, Paul McCulla, proposed the enactment of an ordinance that would enhance the County's trespassing laws. This ordinance would allow the Sheriff's Office to seek a trespassing warrant on behalf of a citizen. A recent canvas of surrounding jurisdictions revealed this type of ordinance to be widely-utilized. It was noted that the law does not require the Sheriff to seek such warrants. Mr. Lynn and Mr. McCulla will meet to discuss this issue and submit their findings to Sheriff Fox. Mr. McCulla will present the new ordinance to the Board of Supervisors and schedule a public hearing on the matter.

6. EMT Technician Position

Mr. Tom Marable, Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association President, requested that the EMT Technician Position be re-classified from a part time position to that of a full time salaried position with benefits. This position is currently in the position classification stages. Mr. Graham directed that this position be reviewed by the Personnel and Finance Committees as expeditiously as possible. Chief Myer was tasked with this process.

7. Fire and Rescue Levy

Chief Bo Taylor requested that modification of the Fire and Rescue Levy be considered. He advised that the Fire and Rescue Association is facing considerable C.I.P. issues. He requested that the Finance Department provide separate trial balances for both the Fire and Rescue Association and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Ms. Janice Bourne was tasked with helping the Fire and Rescue Association identify problems and possible solutions with the trial balance reports.

8. Emergency Services Funding

On behalf of Chief Myer, Mr. Clayton reported that to maintain current operations, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services may need to exceed their adopted FY2004 budget. Mr. Graham instructed that a meeting to review this matter be set up immediately to include himself, Mr. Stribling, Ms. Bourne, Budget Director Bryan Tippie, Ms. Heritage, Mr. Marable and Chief Myer. Chief Myer was tasked with arranging this meeting.

9. Generator Purchase

Negotiations are on-going for the purchase of six generators to be used in emergency situations at the county fire stations. Discussion ensued about equipment grants resulting from Hurricane Isabelle. It was recommended that application for FEMA grants be investigated. Ms. Heritage was tasked with this process.

10. Animal Control Program

Sheriff Fox requested the addition of another Animal Control Officer to the county's animal control program. It was estimated that the cost of this position with benefits would be about \$35,000. This position could be absorbed by the Sheriff's Department existing budget if some personnel restructuring occurred. Mr. Graham recommended that Sheriff Fox place this position on the next Personnel Committee Agenda for action.

11. Roundtable

First Sergeant Ed Murphy commended the GIS Department for their recent help in generating maps for the Virginia State Police.

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Mr. Dugan provided an update on the 800 MhZ radio system. All five sites are constructed and have power running to them. Although pagers have been recently approved for use on the new system, it will be at least six months before they are functional.

12. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling called for adjournment. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 1st day of March 2004

Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff
Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee